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Election is over, Thanksgiving Comes Next, and in the Meantime do your Christmas Shopping Early

HODGES IS STILL LEADING BY A SMALL MAJORITY.

Wednesday night the secretary of the Democratic State Committee with the official figures certified to the Secretary of State from 53 counties and the semi-official reports from the remaining 105 counties gives Hodges a substantial lead.

Arthur Capper still claims that he will have a majority when the returns are all in, but he admitted Wednesday to dropping from a lead of 26 in the morning to 7 at night.

It is generally believed, however, that whether the certificate of election is awarded to Capper or Hodges, there will be a contest. It is thought that there has been some juggling of the returns to change the result in Capper's favor, also in some counties mistakes have been found in the commissioners' work, as in the case of this county, where fifteen straight Democratic votes were found after the commissioners had finished the work of counting and after a report had been sent in to headquarters. However, the poll books had not been closed nor the report signed by the county clerk.

With all these changes considered as far as possible, Hodges is still in the lead and it is doubtful if a contest by Capper could change the result.

J. E. DeMOTTE

J. E. DeMotte died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John McMullen, in this city, early Wednesday morning of an attack of heart trouble with which he had been a sufferer for some time, aged 69 years, 7 months and 13 days. The body was taken to Great Bend, the former home of the family, this morning, and funeral services will be held at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Clyde Carson, at 10 o'clock and interment made in the Great Bend cemetery.

Mr. DeMotte had been a resident of Barton county and Great Bend for the last twelve or thirteen years, where he was engaged in farming. For many years he was in charge of the rooms and grounds at the court house until an injury about a year ago forced him to give up his work. About two months ago, he, with his wife, moved to this city to make their home with their daughter and family, and was in hopes that with a complete rest his health might be improved. The day before his death he had been around town the greater part of the day and seemed to be feeling better than for some time, and death came mercifully while he quietly slept.

He leaves to mourn his death his wife, two daughters, Mrs. McMullen of this city and Mrs. Carson of Great Bend, a son, Lloyd, living in Great Bend and another son, H. R., who lives in Kansas City, besides a sister living in Nebraska and a brother in Colorado. Mr. DeMotte was a quiet unostentatious citizen who believed in deeds rather than in words and a man who was a man indeed, and the world is always better that men such as he should have lived. He was a man worth while.—Leader, Nov. 7, 1912.

NOTICE OF APPRECIATION

The returns received indicate my reelection by from three to four thousand majority. For the second time, the Democrats, Republicans, Progressives, Socialists and Prohibitionists of this district, irrespective of party, have commissioned me to represent them in Congress. I am under deep and lasting obligations to my many friends who have supported me so loyally, and shall endeavor to show my appreciation by rendering each individual in the district the best service of which I am capable. I want them to understand that it is the people's victory and that I shall serve them without regard to either political or religious affiliation.

I am under deep obligations to the Barton County Democrat for the splendid manner in which it presented the facts of the campaign. I sincerely trust that it may continue to grow in power, influence and circulation.

GEO. A. NEELEY.

Mr. and Mrs. James McGinnis became the parents of a fine young girl Thursday of last week. Mr. McGinnis is the Presbyterian minister at Ellinwood and his wife was formerly Miss Cora Schaffer of this city.

APPEAL TO REASON EDITOR GIVES UP THE STRUGGLE

J. A. Wayland, founder and editor of the Appeal to Reason, shot and killed himself at his home in Girard, Kans., early Monday morning, Nov. 11. It is thought that worry over his trial which was to have come up this week in the Federal court at Fort Scott, caused him to commit the act. The charge was made by the government against the editor and owner of the Appeal to Reason for circulating defamatory matter through the mails, in the columns of his paper, concerning an official of the Federal prison at Leavenworth.

SCHOOL SITE IS SETTLED.

The much talked of settlement of the question of a school site in Great Bend was settled for good Saturday by the supreme court of the state of Kansas in a sweeping decision which ends the matter effectively and cuts out any opportunity of starting any more proceedings against the board.

The decision of the court is that the people voted to invest the board with power to build a new school building and that they also voted bonds for that purpose. When the board decided to erect the new building on the central or high school grounds in this city there was considerable opposition to the move and it finally crystallized in the employment of attorneys who brought legal proceedings to enjoin the board from putting the building on the site mentioned. Judge Brantline, in this district court, after hearing the evidence in the case, decided that the board was acting within its rights and the attorneys fighting the case then appealed to the supreme court of the state with the result above mentioned.

The citizens of the town voted on two questions. One was for bonds with which to buy a school building site and the other for bonds with which to erect a new building. No provision was made in the two statements that the new building should be erected on a site bought by the bonds voted for such a purpose.

The school board, after talking the matter over at several meetings, concluded the best results would be obtained by the erection of a supplementary high school building on the high school grounds; that better work would be done by the students and that the expenses of carrying on the work would be much less than if the building was in some other part of the city; that it would be better for students, teachers and tax payers.

Then those citizens opposed to such a plan and who favored another ward building in some part of the city got together and organized the fight against the board with the result that the board decided to wait until the legal aspects of the question were thoroughly disposed of before they started to work.

A member of the board stated that it is very probable that a contract for the new building will be let within further delay, as the work can be done much cheaper now than in the spring when there is so much building going on. It is probable from the talk among those acquainted with the case that the building will be erected on the high school grounds as planned, and that it will contain in addition to the school rooms proposed a fine gymnasium which will make the Great Bend school the finest in the state, with few exceptions.

WEATHER REPORT.

Following is a record of the meteorological observations taken by the undersigned as a co-operative observer of the Weather Bureau of the U. S. Department of Agriculture during the week ending November 10, at Great Bend.

Date	Character of day
4	P Cloudy
5	P Cloudy
6	Clear
7	Clear
8	Clear
9	Clear
10	Clear
Elevation above sea level, ft. 1836.8	
Latitude, degrees 38.22	
Longitude, degrees 98.45	
Central Time.	

ISAAC PRITCHARD,

Co-operative Observer.

Mrs. Thos. Gilmore is in Ford county visiting her daughter, Mrs. Oscar Reigel.

EXTENSION OF DOUBLE VOTES WILL DECIDE WINNERS

Extension Will Work Wonders for Real Hustlers Who Promise to Make Week Spell Success

TIME TO GATHER IN PROMISES

No More 25-Vote Coupons After this Issue, and They Must be in this Office by Next Thursday Night.

Two weeks from tonight the winners of the valuable awards to be made in the Barton County Democrat's Voting Contest will be enjoying the fruits of their labors of the past few weeks and many arms will be sore receiving the congratulations of their friends and admirers on being winners among winners.

After careful thought, and finding that Thanksgiving day comes in the middle of the closing week of the contest, it has been decided that the filing time for the final close is on the night before Thanksgiving day, so that the winners can enjoy the prize they have won on this day.

The contest will POSITIVELY close on Wednesday night, November 27, at 9 o'clock. This will give you practically two weeks to do the work that will be necessary for you to be a winner.

The one who has the greatest vote at the final close will be awarded the best prize of the contest, and will have one of the handsomest machines in this locality, and there is no doubt but what the winner of the car will have little trouble in securing company to ride with them on Thanksgiving day.

If you are in the race to be a winner and you naturally are, otherwise your friends who have assisted you in the past would have given their support to others more aggressive,

you must make the few remaining days of the contest show results to your credit, in votes and subscriptions. You must not lose a single opportunity to so increase your present vote standing and reserve that your opponents will be on the "outside looking in" when the final count is made and you have crossed the wire.

There are several in the list of contestants that have not made the start that they should, and for the benefit of those we wish to state that if you are in this contest to win one of these prizes, you will have to make some showing between now and the next issue of this paper, for it is positively stated that every name will be dropped from the list that has not shown some interest in the contest personally, and if it is found that the districts are below the number of prizes announced for each, there is liable to be some merging going on. So if you are out to win one of the district prizes, or in fact, any of the prizes, and have not, up to this time made any personal showing, you should lose no time in doing so, if you wish to be a participant at the close.

The 25-vote coupon that has been running in the paper will be discontinued after this issue and will not appear again. All votes of this nature

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SUICIDE AT GALATIA.

Ben Karst, the blacksmith at Galatia, attempted to kill his wife Sunday shooting her in the arm, and then killed himself. The suicide was the result of a quarrel. It is reported here that Karst and his wife had not been getting along well together the last two years and had had numerous family quarrels. Sunday morning he engaged in another quarrel with his wife, and pulling a revolver, he shot her through the arm and then turned the weapon on himself, shooting himself in the head, death resulting instantly.

The Karsts had been married about 22 years. Karst was about 48 years of age. She was his second wife and they were the parents of nine children. They lived a number of years ago in Rush and Russell counties and in Barton county. A few years ago he located in Galatia and took charge of the blacksmith shop there, later buying the Geo. Barrows property in Galatia. He owned that small piece of land, a considerable amount of machinery and some stock and was farming about 200 acres of wheat land which he rented. The funeral services were held Monday morning in Galatia.

Miss Helen Minnis and Miss Moorman, teachers in the Ellinwood schools were here Saturday shopping. Miss Minnis visited with friends until Sunday evening.

John Wolf of Ellinwood was here on business Thursday of last week.

The Carnation club held a dance in the Library Hall last Friday night.

COMMISSION FORM OF GOVERNMENT.

The council met last Friday night and canvassed the vote on the commission form of government and found that it carried by a total majority of 361. The vote by wards follow:

	Yes	No		Yes	No
1st	90	45	2nd	198	95
2nd	41	86	4th	158	60

The election of the mayor and two commissioners will take place at the regular spring election.

It was announced at this session that the sewer system would be turned over to the city in a short time and after much discussion it was decided to retain Mr. Hillyer, the present city engineer, until the first of the year to see that the sewer is in proper working order.

RAYMOND-NICHOLS.

Ed Raymond, one of the popular young men of the town, and Miss Sadie Nichols a Larned girl, were married Saturday evening in Larned and will make their home in this city, in rooms in the Fair building. The bride lived in this city for a short time and has many friends here. The last two years she has lived in Larned at the home of her sister. She is a popular young lady with those who know her and will make a good helpmate for Mr. Raymond. The latter, for the last two years, has been employed in the Fair lumber yard in this city and is a young man of ability and worth. The Democrat extends congratulations.

Bliss Holgate was in Larned Saturday on business.

KANSAS WILL ENTERTAIN PRESIDENT-ELECT WILSON

President-elect Woodrow Wilson is coming to Kansas this month. He will be one of the principal speakers at the annual convention of the Social Center Association of America which will meet at the University of Kansas November 20-23.

Wilson and Theodore Roosevelt will deliver addresses at the meetings and it was because of this fact that these speakers were too busy to attend that the convention was postponed one month from its original date in October.

The essential idea in the social center movement is to make the school house the meeting place of the community for unlimited public discussion and to use it as a nucleus for the social, civic and recreational life of the neighborhood.

EQUAL RIGHTS DOUBTFUL.

The officers of the State Equal Suffrage association have sent out cards to all of the county clerks in the state asking for the official returns on the suffrage amendment. The count for some of the counties in the Fifth district has been sent in by the district president, Mrs. Mattie Kimball. Returns from Saline county showed 496 against the amendment; Republic county 300 against. The counties that have favored the amendment return the following figures: Riley 157; Jewell, 990; Ottawa, 200; Wichita, 722. In the Third district Wilson gave a majority for the amendment of 160 votes, Emporia and about two-thirds of the country precincts, 644. Cloud county went against suffrage by 162 votes. Returns from the workers show about 5,000 majority for the amendment. Dickinson defeated it by 78 votes, McPherson by 262, Morris by 50, Wabaunsee, 200.

Louisiana voted this year on the question of whether women should be given school suffrage and the right to serve on the board of charitable institutions. The measure lost and Kate Gordon of New Orleans, wife of Mrs. W. A. Johnston, president of the State League, "Disgraced Louisiana" with greetings and congratulations to her fortunate sisters in Kansas on obtaining their rights as American citizens." A telegram from the president of the Michigan association reads: "Great rejoicing in Michigan over the Kansas victory." A wire from Oregon says: "Slow returns have kept us uneasy. Today got decisive majority. Congratulations on Kansas victory."

ENTERTAINED.

Mrs. Chas. Lundblade and Mrs. F. S. Mitchell entertained Wednesday and Thursday afternoons of last week at the home of Mrs. Lundblade. Wednesday afternoon about fifty ladies were present and the feature of the afternoon was "500", after which a dainty four-course luncheon was served. Thursday about fifty ladies were entertained at a thimble party, each one taking her fancy work. One of the entertainments was a guessing contest of materials, which was a very cleverly arranged game. About five o'clock the ladies partook of a four-course luncheon.

Mrs. Lundblade's home was decorated in chrysanthemums and was the admiration of all the ladies present. Besides having it decorated very artistically, Mrs. Lundblade has an extremely lovely home and one that is well adapted for entertaining.

SCHRAK FOUND GUILTY.

Milwaukee, Nov. 12.—John Schrank pleaded guilty today to shooting Col. Roosevelt. The court then decided to appoint a commission to examine the man as to his sanity. The defendant appeared quite unconcerned.

Schrank's plea sought to distinguish between the assassin upon Mr. Roosevelt as a "menace" and an attack upon Roosevelt as a citizen. Scarcely one hundred and fifty persons watched the proceedings. Twenty detectives scanned the court room for suspicious personages.

All of the banks of this city were closed, Wednesday, on account of a meeting of the bankers of this district.

Mr. and Mrs. Cates of Newton are here visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Hart and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hans.

Mrs. J. M. Morse and daughter of LeCrosne visited Rev. and Mrs. B. E. Parker Saturday and Sunday.

KANSAS BANKERS' ASSOCIATION.

About one hundred and forty bankers of Group Five of the Kansas Bankers' Association were in our city Wednesday to attend a meeting of their district. It was one of the largest meetings they have ever had, in the morning they met in the Library Hall, at noon partook of a banquet in the Congregational church basement, followed by an auto ride over the city, and in the afternoon held another session of their meeting in the Library Hall. They all expressed themselves as being much pleased with our city and especially the manner in which they were entertained.

Fernando P. Neal is the presiding officer of this group and is the dominating influence of the biggest bank between Kansas City and San Francisco. He is the chairman of the board of directors of the Southwest National Bank of Commerce in Kansas City, whose deposits are in excess of \$31,000,000. Mr. Neal's career reads like a romance of Robert Louis Stevenson. A native of Iowa, his banking career commenced as cashier of the Harvey County Savings Bank at Newton, Kansas. That was in 1873. He was then but eighteen years of age and the youngest bank cashier in the United States. After seven years of successful banking at Newton, he accepted the cashiership of the Wellington Bank, Wellington, Kansas. Twenty-three years ago he resigned the presidency of this bank to go with the Union National Bank of Kansas City as first vice-president. His career since that time has been crowded with brilliant achievements. He now enjoys a national reputation as a judge of credits and his opinion of western accounts is frequently sought by the leading bankers of New York. Of a deeply religious nature, Mr. Neal gives generously to worthy charities. He is a fine presiding officer and a polished speaker. This is his first visit to our city for some years and an expressed himself as being greatly amazed at the giant strides made in our civic improvements. He stated that our financial institutions are domiciled in buildings that would do credit to a city several times the size of Great Bend.

W. W. Bowman, secretary of the Kansas Bankers' Association, says that the association is now larger than it has ever been, having a membership of 1,100, and that over ninety-one per cent of the banks of the state are represented in the association. He says that this association ranks among the six largest state associations of bankers in the United States. He especially complimented the local bankers on the management they had displayed in arranging the program and providing for their entertainment and comfort.

M. H. Malott, president of the Citizens Bank of Abilene responded to the address of welcome in a brief, witty speech.

Carter Wilder, publisher of the Southwestern Banker of Kansas City, Mo., says that he has so often commented on the prosperity of Barton county and her banks that he was very curious to see if our city came up to her advance advertising. He admitted that his expectations had been more than realized. He seemed to particularly admire our new government building, which he says is the finest from an architectural standpoint of any he ever saw in a town of this size.

FARM ACCIDENTS.

There were not as many Americans injured in the naval battle of Manila Bay and Santiago as were killed and otherwise injured in one year by corn husking and corn shredding machines in the one state of Wisconsin.

A bulletin of the Wisconsin Industrial Commission tells of these farm tragedies and casualties. The commission investigated the accidents and found that practically all of them were avoidable. Automatic safety devices on the machines and required skill by the operators of the machines would have prevented the suffering and the loss of life and the loss of money.

There is nothing very dramatic about farm tragedies, as there is about the tragedies of war. While for that reason less attention is centered on them, yet also for that reason it is easier to end them when attention is called to them.

Industrial commissions may have their victories no less renowned than the Harue.